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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: CANISTERS AND SLIFER PLACEMENT

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 77

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1. DELEGATION IS OBVIOUSLY ON SIDE OF FULLY ADEQUATE VERIFICATION AND READY TO CHANGE POSITIONS ANY TIME TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE. WE FEEL AN OBLIGATION, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE DELEGATION JUDGMENT THAT CHANGES ON A MATTER LIKE THAT DISCUSSED REFTEL WILL HAVE A STRONG ADVERSE EFFECT ON PROGRESS AND, AT THIS TIME, WILL THROW A PARTICULARLY HEAVY PALL OVER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE REMAINING DIFFERENCES ON, FOR EXAMPLE, EQUIPMENT EXAMINATION AND CUSTODY.

2. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN AGREED POSITION ON SLIFER PLACEMENT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY IF SUCH AGREED POSITION UNACCEPTABLE DEFECTIVE. EVEN IN THAT EVENT ANY CHANGE SHOULD BE SOUGHT ONLY AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF FINAL US POSITION -- ONE THAT IS STABLE AND RELIABLE AND THAT WILL NOT CHANGE SOME DAYS, WEEKS OR MONTHS LATER AS RESULT OF FURTHER ANALYSIS. WE GATHER FROM REFTEL PARA 1 THAT ANALYSIS THIS QUESTION CONTINUES. WHAT DEGREE OF STABILITY DOES LABORATORY JUDGMENT ASSIGN TO CURRENT ASSESSMENT?

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3. TO PRESENT NEW POSITION ON POINTS ALREADY AGREED WILL TEND TO SUPPORT, AND CERTAINLY REINFORCE, MOROKHOV CHARGES ABOUT SHIFTING SANDS OF US VIEWS, USDEL NON-COMPREHENSION OF SUPPOSED US INSTRUCTIONS, AND THAT US AIM IS TO DELAY AGREEMENT AND/OR TO GAIN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. FOLLOWING SUCH APPROACH WE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT; CERTAINLY TIME REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL WILL, WE BELIEVE, BE CONSIDERABLY PROTRACTED.

4. IF WE REOPEN SLIFER SPACING RULES WITH SOVIETS, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS FROM THEM ABOUT EARLIER US PROPOSALS. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES CURRENT ANALYSIS SUGGEST THAT:

(A) US PROPOSAL 2W(1/3) FROM BOTTOM OF CANISTER NOT LONGER THAN TEN METERS ALSO INADEQUATE?

(B) US PROPOSAL 1.5W(1/3) FROM CENTER OF CANISTER NOT LONGER THAN TEN METERS ALSO INADEQUATE?

(C) US PROPOSAL 3W(1/3) FROM BOTTOM OF CANISTER NOT LONGER THAN 10 METERS (FOR ALL YIELDS BELOW 150 KILOTONS) ALSO INADEQUATE?

NOTE: SOVIETS CONTINUE TO REMIND US THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1975 TEXT US SIDE PROPOSED NO LIMIT ON CANISTER LENGTH.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON CONSIDERATIONS CONTAINED PARAS 1 THROUGH 3 ABOVE, AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 4, BY OPENING MOSCOW TIME FEB 24.

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